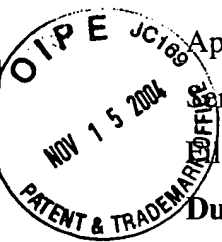


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



Applicant: Jon Ocel et al.

Examiner: Peter J. Vrettakos

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief previously filed on  
\_\_\_\_\_.

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply.

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

iv. ☒ Petition for Three-Month Extension-of-Time.

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37

C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed

months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(I) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500471.
- i. ☒ RCE fee (\$790.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- ii. ☒ Additional claim (\$36.00) required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c).
- ii. ☒ Three-Month Extension-of-Time fee (\$980.00) (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17).
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2308 enclosed).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope address to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004.

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